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POVERTY MAY BE A BLESSING

The question is often asked: Why is it that sons of rich men are so often poor specimens of humanity? The question is not hard to answer.

The fathers attained success by reason of struggles that aroused and developed what was best within them. The sons, without necessity for such struggle, leave undone that which alone can make a man.

Carnegie, the other day, said: "Let a young man be ever so poor, if he have health and energy and a noble purpose in life, all things are possible to him. Let a young man, however, have all the wealth he desires, and yet lack moral and physical health, and have no purpose in life, and there is none so poor as he, and the same may apply to a woman."

Few know better than Carnegie the origin and rise of successful men. His own life is his best text. Ending his schooling at ten years of age, beginning life as a bobbin-boy in a cotton factory, later a messenger boy at \$1.20 a week, then a telegraph operator, and now the richest and greatest ironmaster in the world.

His story is largely that of Lord Strathearn, who though born in poverty, rose to a place as the largest land owner in the world, and the story of whose life has seldom been equalled in fiction.

The story of the greatest iron-master and of the largest land owner is also the story of the greatest inventor, Edison, who was obliged to be a wage-earner as a news-boy at seven, and who, in eager thirst for knowledge, fitted up, while still a lad, a crude laboratory in the cellar of his home for experiments in chemistry; next he tried his hand as a telegraph operator, then inventing telegraph appliances and other electrical improvements, until, by the hardest labor on record, he became the greatest of all inventors.

Wealth has its advantages, but so has poverty.

Some objection is made to the proposed nomination of Justice Hughes for the office of president, on the ground that he being a member of the supreme court, the traditions of the country preclude his being a candidate. This is the veriest bosh. If that is all the reason that can be advanced against his candidacy, then there is no reason at all. When a man is placed on the supreme bench none of his rights, civil, or political, is taken from him; and the right to run for president is one belonging to every citizen regardless of creed, occupation or politics. The office of supreme justice is not so exalted that accepting the presidency of the United States is a step downward.

Now comes Mr. U'Ren and says that the legislature did not cut off that \$200 expense money for delegates to presidential conventions, and that this sum is still available for those elected to go back and tell the convention which candidate the voters of the state told them to cast their votes for. A two cent stamp would accomplish the same purpose, but it would deprive someone of a chance to lay a foundation for future political reward. The fellow who casts his vote as the people tell him to cast it, naturally is entitled to a large slice when the pie is cut.

The Oregon Voter, published by C. C. Chapman, considers the law giving public officials or bodies the right to pay local merchants 5 per cent more for products than they pay outside dealers, a bad one. In commenting on the law and its effects the voter says: "If we fear competition here at home, and try to protect ourselves from it, how can we face the same competition when we seek business outside of Portland and Oregon?" Yet the Voter advocates a high protective tariff.

What makes the preparedness idea so popular is that there are so many kinds of it. With several thousand experts handing out plans no two of which come anywhere near agreeing, it furnishes such a splendid subject for the American voters to dispute over without reaching any conclusion, that it is liable to get lost in the maze of argument.

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Dr. Dewey says the flax grown in the Willamette valley is superior to any grown elsewhere in the United States. This is no news to valley people but at the same time it is pleasing to have such an authority as Dr. Dewey tell the world about it. Salem is yet to be the Belfast of the United States, and her linens will become famous around the world.

The Oregonian is generous in crediting Skamania county, Washington, with bonding itself for \$210,000 which it says is \$600 for each person in the county. It gives the population as 3,500, and if the sum and the population are both given correctly it would amount, not to \$600 but to \$60 each.

The indications are, from the spectacular pronouncements from the Portland pulpits, anent preparedness, that the reverend gentlemen are moved more by desire for publicity and notoriety than by patriotism. Each one is a little more violent and virulent than those who broke into the limelight before him.

The Cage submarine invented by a Los Angeles man is true to name. Not long ago it sunk in the harbor at Los Angeles, and Saturday it went down for the second time while being towed to the wharf. This type not only submerges easily, but stays submerged indefinitely.

With the streets of Yuma, Arizona, running seven feet deep with flood waters, Phoenix in the swim and other towns in Arizona drowned out, old timers familiar with that section would not be surprised to hear by wireless that Satan was busy just now building boats.

Astronomers have decided there are no canals on Mars. This too, just when apparently one of them has broken and turned its contents down on southern California. Maybe they all broke at once and that is the reason the astronomers could not find them.

Lloyd George says: "The war has hardly begun." With thirty or more billion dollars already expended, it would seem that if Mr. George's statement is correct someone's credit is going to be badly stretched before the end is reached.

The Capital Journal does not mind printing stories about picking roses here Christmas day, but respectfully asks contributors not to send anything of this kind for publication until the weather moderates, and the snow melts.

United States senators are establishing a dangerous precedent for themselves in suggesting that Brandeis should not be confirmed as associate justice of the United States supreme court because he is "unfit for the place."

Chinese rebels have dynamited big sections of the Hankow and Peking railroad, preventing Yuan Shi Kai transporting troops from north to south. Evidently the Chinks have been studying the European war methods.

Nobody is to blame for that fire in Seattle Wednesday in which six persons lost their lives. It seems a lot of hemp was hung over the stove pipes to dry and it thoughtlessly got too hot and started to blaze.

With President Wilson touring the country and boosting for preparedness it is no wonder that Teddy will go to the windward islands. Woodrow has stolen most of his ammunition, also his gun.

With the Chinese revolution assuming alarming proportions all the continents of the old world are now the scenes of war. Will it be the America's next?

Those astronomers who discovered a couple of new worlds a few days ago evidently caught them young, as they are both in the milky way.

The floods north of the Mexican border may account for the fact that Villa has not been captured, married or killed for several days.



EPIDEMIC
Life is a sad and painful trip for people who are aging. An epidemic of the grip o'er all the land is raging. The young men sneeze a while and laugh, and cough a while and snicker; the old men break themselves in half when coughing, and grow sicker. The young recover when they take of medicine a spoonful, the old men dope and still they ache, and life is grim and puneful. The young lay off a half a day, when grip has sprung its warning, and they are back, serene and gay, to work, tomorrow morning. The old must sit around the stove for weeks—which isn't funny—until the doc, a downy cove, has taken all their money. The old must sit and soak their feet, and swallow pills and powders, and mustard plasters wear, and eat denatured soups and chowders. I hate to hear a young man brag about the way he suffers; he has no right to chew the rag among us ancient sufferers!



Farmers and Home Makers Assemble at La Grande

(By United Press.)

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 31.—Prepared to exchange views on the subjects of farming, eugenics and home management, men and women from all parts of Union county, and far beyond its borders, gathered in La Grande today for the opening of Farmers' and Home Makers' week, under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college and government experts.

Registration of visitors was practically the only thing accomplished today. The La Grande commercial club reception committee took each visitor in tow, and accommodations were found for all. The climax of the week, however, will be next Friday. Good roads experts of national and state fame will address a gathering at that day. Simultaneously, Eastern Oregon babies will compete in eugenic tests. The baby show begins at 9 a. m. Friday and continues all day. Grangers and farmers union members meet Saturday. Lectures and demonstrations of interest to farmers and housewives are scheduled for every night this week.

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OPEN FORUM

FARMER TALKS BACK

Editor Journal: As America is a free country and everyone seems free to say what he thinks about the other fellow, would like to say a few words myself. Of course we farmers all know that the mail order houses because we buy a few goods from the mail order house. They put up the argument that Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., and so on, don't help to build Salem, nor do they buy our goods, which is very true; but I can say this by experience that I have offered some of the Salem merchants produce at 50 per cent less than they were retailing the article for and have been answered this way: "We can buy it in Portland for such a price." The price being a little less than I ask for my produce, of course, you all know such as this doesn't just please the farmer.

But this is only the beginning. The Statesman Publishing company takes a hand in the game and try to say what the merchant hasn't thought of. They ridicule the mail order house and criticize the ignorant farmer and advise him to spend his money at home with the home merchants because the home merchants buy his goods and seven hundred more smart things that I don't recall at present. Then when the merchant wants a little job of printing long other than newspaper ads and the printer quotes his regular price—Mr. Merchant frequently says, I can get this in Portland or some other city for so much, of course a less price, he doesn't stop to consider spending his money at home, it is where it will buy the most goods. Then again I notice after all of Mr. Newspaper's criticisms of the mail order houses he will print a Jones cash store ad. While I don't recall any of Montgomery Ward or Sears, Roebuck Co. will venture to say Mr. Newspaper would gladly print one for either of them and take pay for same.

I have even seen pictures where the farmer's team was frightened by a mail order company delivery car and caused a break down or something of the kind. And the car went on its way without even stopping to see if they had caused any trouble. There is also another thing I have noticed, that is a number of the farmers who buy from the mail order house ride in a car instead of go a foot or drive some old plug like the fellow who spends all his money at home.

Laying all jokes aside Mr. Merchant is out for the money and spends it where it will buy the most. Mr. Statesman editor is out for the money not for the honor and satisfaction of saying I converted the farmer and taught him to spend his money with the home merchants, and Mr. Farmer, if you don't be careful and spend your money where it will buy the most goods especially if you earn it by producing goods for the Salem market you won't be able to buy the necessities of life.

INSURANCE MEN ORGANIZE
As a means of protecting themselves from transient agents, about 20 local representatives of life insurance companies, with licenses issued out of them, met Saturday afternoon and organized. The object of the association also is to bring together in monthly meetings those engaged in this line of business. The meetings will be held the last Saturday of each month in the Commercial club rooms.

FARMER FROZE TO DEATH
Watsonville, Cal., Jan. 31.—John Hoover, aged 75, a well-known farmer, froze to death near here last night when his horse threw him and then kicked him into unconsciousness.

PORTLAND HAS SLUMP
Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—Export trade from Portland took a decided slump in January, according to figures compiled today. The value of the January exports is placed at \$405,144, against \$3,128,877 last year.

AN ENLIGHTENING DEBATE.
Editor of Capital Journal: The merry sleighing party of 22 young people who

Put Your Brains at Work

This country is full of men who need, not knowledge but action. There are dozens of things they know they should do, but they do not do them. They know, for instance, that they should have some money in reserve. They know that misfortune would find them unprepared, and that their death would subject their family to great hardship. They know that most of the suffering of the country is caused by the general neglect of plain, common-sense duty.

But why do they neglect their duty? Answer this question silently. If your reflections point to a savings account, don't stifle the prompting.

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Manufacturer Would Interest Local Capital

If any man some extra capital that he would like to invest in the manufacture of brooders? The Commercial club is in touch with a man who claims to have a brooder that is superior to anything that has been produced. He lives five miles from Salem and has been making them, but needs capital to enlarge his plant.

The manufacturer of the brooder claims that it follows nature and is so constructed that the chicks will have the heat applied to their backs, regulate their own fashion. In fact, it is claimed that the brooder has so many fine points that there could be no real competition if properly placed on the market. The man who has been making them claims to have a patent and all that he needs is capital to manufacture and organize a selling campaign.

Should any one feel interested, O. H. Luck, of the Commercial club, would like to get into communication with them. What Salem needs is manufacturing establishments and parties with either ideas of money will receive consideration at the Commercial club.

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE AS FOLLOWS:
A. H. Gage, president; C. H. Runer, vice-president; W. C. Dyer, secretary-treasurer. B. A. Polzin and George E. Schaefer, acting with the officers, form the executive committee.

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